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In re application of )

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COMPOSITES COMPRISING PLANT )  
MATERIAL FROM *PARTHENIUM* SPP. )  
AND PLASTIC )

Serial No. 09/828,634 )

Filed April 5, 2001 )

Group Art Unit: 1711

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Enclosures

- X PTO/SB/08 (2 pages)  
     PTO-892  
X References (7)  
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